PROSPECTUS

OF THE

Black Lake Mining Co.,

WITH REPORTS

UPON THE PROPERTY OF THE COMPANY

SITUATED

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW IRELAND

COUNTY OF MEGANTIC, CANADA EAST.

OFFICE . . . . . .

Real Estate	**16,000 Acres**
Capital Stock	**$2,000,000**
200,000 Shares, at	**$10 each**

NEW YORK:
F. SOMERS, STEAM PRINTER
32 BEEKMAN STREET.

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OFFICERS.

Trustees.

G. B. HUBBELL, *President.*
J. T. SEELEY,
W. N. OLIVER,
T. J. ESTERBROOK,
ALLEN L. BASSETT,
JOS. TREAT.

Treasurer,

G. B. HUBBELL.

Secretary,

T. J. ESTERBROOK.

PROSPECTUS.

THE property of the BLACK LAKE MINING COMPANY consists of the following lots, parcels or tracts of land situate in the township of Ireland, in the county of Megantic, in the district of Arthabaska, and province of Canada. Known as follows :

Range.	LOTS.									
1	N.E.½ 19,	S.E.½ 20,	21,	22,	23,	24,	25,	26,	27,	28
2				22,	23,	24,	25,	26,	27,	28
3	19,	S.E.½ 20,	21,	22,	23,	24,	25,	26,	27,	28
4	N.W.½ 18,	20,	21,	22,	23,	24,	25,	26,	27,	28
5			21,	22,	23,	24,	25,	26,	27,	28
6			21,	22,	23,	24,	25,	26,	27,	28
7	19,	20,	21,	22,	23,	24,	25,	26,		
8	19,	20,	21,	22,	23,	24,	25,	26,		
9	S.E.½ 19,	S.E.½ 20,	S.E.½ 21,	S.E.½ 22,	23,	24,	25,	26,		
10	N.W.½ 19,		21,	22,	23,	24,				
11	N.W. point 15.									
12	E.½ 13.									

The whole being 16,000 acres more or less, together with all dependencies, and appurtenances belonging thereto, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand, which belonged to the former proprietors.

The great mineral value of this property will be seen on reading the Reports below, which have been procured from the most reliable and highest sources of information.

We first present extracts from the recent Geological work to the government of Canada in 1863, by Sir William Logan, geologist, which have reference to the identical property before described belonging to this Company :

[Page 253–254.] "From East Nicolet Lake the *Serpentine turns* Northward, and runs along several small lakes on the line between Wolfestown and Garthby to the line between Ireland and Coleraine. In these two townships there is a great display of the rock. It lies on both sides of the Black Lake extending four miles to the South-west in Ireland, constituting Caribou Hill, and probably two miles to the North-east in Coleraine with an average breadth of two miles and a half, thus spreading over an area of about fifteen square miles.

On the 21st lot of the 1st and 2nd Ranges of Ireland about a mile from this area there is another exposure of serpentine."

[Page 731.] "The Copper Ores already described, ... belong, like those of the northern parts of Ireland, to the second synclinal. . . . . The outcrop of the 3rd is continued through Ham and Wolfestown; and further on there is a great development of the rocks of this series, which may be regarded as a continuation of the 3rd synclinal, and consist of dolomites and serpentine, with steatite, chloritic and epidotic rocks. These are traced to the North-east, and include large portions of the townships of Garthby, Coleraine, Ireland, Thetford and Broughton. . . . This distribution of these strata is important, inasmuch as Copper and other valuable minerals will probably be discovered in many parts of their course.

[Page 736.] It can hardly be doubted that, when the copper

deposits of Eastern Canada are thoroughly explored, and proper means of working them, and of smelting their ores, are adopted, they will become a great source of wealth and furnish employment to a large population.

We subjoin the report of Captain Herbert Williams, of the celebrated Harvey Hill Mines, on the mineral, and the report of John Bignell, Esq., Provincial Land Surveyor, on the great amount of timber; which can be made immediately available. From the property the rivers are navigable for rafts, and the timber can be sent down to the Grand Trunk Rail Road. A charter for a branch rail road has lately been taken out for the district, and the depot will be, it is said, on a portion of this property, thereby increasing its value independent of the minerals or timber.

HARVEY HILL COPPER MINE, LEEDS, MEGANTIC, C. E.
Superintendent's Office, 14*th March*, 1864.

WM. BIGNELL, ESQ., Quebec,

DEAR SIR: In the autumn of 1859 I accompanied Dr. James Douglas of Quebec, to examine some lands in the township of Ireland comprised within the lines of lots twenty to twenty-eight, in Ranges one to ten, of the Township which line on the accompanying plan of the Township I have tinted pink.

On approaching the property from the Township of Halifax, the rocks of the country are exposed to view in many places; to within a short distance of the property their general character being similar to those of the second synclinal or copper band of the Eastern Townships, and will, I believe, on careful exploration, be found to be a fold of the same, their probable run I have marked in purple on the plan.

A thorough and careful exploration of the property will, I believe, lead to the discovery of valuable Copper deposits in the North-east section of the property. The laborious researches of an eminent provincial Geologist, Sir W. E. Logan, having established the fact that the Gold in Canada is discovered in similar association to other countries, viz: with or in the vicinity of rocks strongly characterized by Magnesia, such as Dolomite, Serpentine, Talc, and Chloritic Slates, it is reasonable to expect that a very considerable area of this property will be found to be gold bearing.

In the southern end of the Township there is a wide band of Serpentine rock, extending from Black Lake in a South-west direction, between three and four miles, reaching lot No. 21 in the first and second Ranges of the Township, and as the same rock is again seen in the adjoining Township of Thetford, which lies to the North-east there is but little doubt it will be found to run across a great portion of the property, and a thorough and careful exploration of the property will, I doubt not, lead to the discovery of the precious metal in the South-western section along the exposures of the Serpentine in remunerative quantities.

Gold in small quantities has been found in several places along the course of the second synclinal at Halifax, Leeds, and S. Sylvester, hence I consider the whole of the property lies within the limits of the Gold bearing region of the eastern Townships of Canada.

Irrespective of the valuable mineral likely to be found on the property, a large portion of it is covered with pine and spruce timber of excellent quality.

There are also some good streams of water running through the property, affording ample power for driving mills, crushers, or indeed any machinery that may be required in the development of its resources. The water communication with the lakes is navigable for rafts to within a short distance of the Grand Trunk Railway.

I am your obedient servant,

HERBERT WILLIAMS.

I, JOHN BIGNELL, Provincial Land Surveyor for Lower Canada, residing at Lambton, on the border of Lake St. Francis, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with the lands known as the Government Block in Ireland, distant from my own residence about twenty miles, and composed of lots Nos. 21 to 28 or thereabouts in Ranges one to ten inclusive.

That the said lands are well timbered with pine, spruce and tamarac, and I consider that they are the best timber limits now remaining in that part of the country.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of April, 1864.

JOHN BIGNELL.

Being asked my opinion as to their value, I think, from the facilities with which the timber could be brought to market, that their value must be great, and must increase in consequence of the annually increasing scarcity of timber.

J. BIGNELL.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
District of Quebec. }

To all to whom these presents shall come: I, NOEL HILL BOWEN, Notary Public, duly admitted and sworn, residing and practising in the City of Quebec, in the Province of Canada, do hereby certify and attest that I am well acquainted with John Bignell, Esquire, of Lambton, C. E., Provincial Land Surveyor, who hath written and signed the foregoing certificate, that he is a person of long experience in his profession, well capable of forming a correct opinion as to the value of lands in Canada, and whose statements on such subjects may be relied upon as correct and true.

SEAL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal of office at Quebec, aforesaid, this first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Signed, NOEL H. BOWEN,
Notary Public.

J. T. SEELEY, and Associates,

GENTLEMEN,

IN accordance with your resolutions of July 22d, we have visited the Black Lake lands, situated in the Township of New Ireland, County of Megantic, Canada East, and agreeable to your request, respectfully submit the following report:

The tract is about three miles wide by ten miles long, from North-east to South-west, embracing twenty-five square miles of territory. Black Lake and its outlet Becancour river divide the tract about four miles from its South-western boundary.

The land may be described in general terms as one-third mountainous, nearly one-third low land, and the remainder farm lands; extending for a mile up the banks of the Thetford river from the Lake on this property is a strip of land called the Meadows, "which has been formed from the annual deposites made by the spring freshets, this is particularly valuable for farming purposes. The provincial government at a late session passed an act with the needful appropriation of money for the construction of a road from the town of Coleraine on the South-east, to the town of Halifax on the North-west. There appears to be no other place for this road

than directly across this property on the North side of Black Lake ; it is said the road will be constructed at once.

The Thetford river mentioned above enters the property at the North-east corner, and running five miles parallel with the South-easterly boundary line, it empties into Black Lake. The lumbermen of the Province have for several years run saw-logs from the Township of Thetford down this river into and through Black Lake, thence down the Becancour thirty miles to the intersection of the Grand Trunk Railway, from whence they are conveyed by Rail to Quebec (one of the largest lumber markets on the continent,) or Portland Maine. These rivers furnish an ample outlet for the Timber upon this property.

Upon Lot (18) eighteen, of Range (4) four, three miles below the lake on the Becancour river, is a water-power of from 8 to 10 feet fall. It has abundant supply of water and good rock bottom and banks.

With the exception of the "Meadows" above mentioned, the whole tract is covered with a fine growth of timber, chiefly Pine, Spruce, Tamarac, Cedar, Maple, and Birch. The Pine is distributed over fully one half of the property a large portion of which is heavy timber, a great amount of Spruce of large growth is intermixed with the other timber throughout nearly the whole tract. The low lands are densely covered with tamarac and cedar, the up lands with sugar-maple, birch, and some scattering spruce and hemlock. The pine trees when cut into logs, thirteen feet four inches long, and delivered at the banks of the rivers, can be sold at one-dollar a log. The trees will average from three to five logs each. Spruce logs will sell for thirty cents and upwards. The trees will make three or four logs each. The tamarac is very desirable, the foot of the tree being cut into ship-knees, and the remainder of the tree into logs, which can be sawed into suitable plank for deck flooring ; ship-knees are scarce, and sell at from five to fifteen dollars each in Quebec. On the easterly side of the Thetford river extending up from the lake about one and a half miles is a high range of hills cov-

ered with Red or Norway Pine. This is much sought after for masts and spars.

Your Committee do not feel competent to make a proper estimate of the total value of the timber on the property, but feel fully warranted in saying (inasmuch as this appears to be the nearest considerable body of timber to Quebec in the eastern township,) good management would certainly realize the cash payment for the property, and still have left all necessary timber for mining and farming purposes. There are now lodged in Thetford river about two miles above the lake from six thousand to eight thousand logs, mostly pine, many of which were probably cut on this property, and without license; hence they can be held by the owner of the land and are worth some thousands of dollars.

During the limited time we were on the premises, we discovered some very satisfactory indications of Copper. Outcroppings of the Copper bearing slate were found at several points along the North side of the property; on comparison they appeared to be identical with those about fifteen miles North-east, at the Harvey Hill Mine, which is pronounced one of the best in the world. We also found the location of these indications to correspond with the tracings upon the Geological Map of Canada now being published under direction of Sir W. E. Logan, Provincial Geologist. While at Montreal we were favored with an interview with this gentleman. Referring to the locality we were about to visit, he freely expressed the opinion we should find evidences of copper at the points above indicated. Also, that upon the Southerly end of the property we would undoubtedly find gold accompanying the serpentine rock, and probably chromic iron. The whole tract being in the very midst of the great mineral belt of Canada East, he thought its location would warrant the expense of thorough exploration. Copper mines are now being opened and worked in nearly all the surrounding towns. Impressed by the assurances of Prof. Logan we made it part of our business, while on the property, to look for gold. At every stream we found soil and slate similar to the gold fields of the

Chaudiere. At our first examination upon the bank of the Becancour we found gold in the first shovel of dirt. On the banks of White Creek some four miles from the Becancour we again found in the second pan of dirt a much larger specimen of gold. At Thetford River near our last camping ground the bed of the stream has been changed, and the old channel somewhat filled up by loose dirt, we thought this a favorable point, and here searched for gold; in the upper dirt we found no indications worthy of notice, but when we reached a depth of say four or five feet we came to a bed of sand and gravel, which was packed much closer, we washed a pan of this, and from it took considerable quantities of magnetic sand, and a very fine specimen of gold. It was the opinion of those present that the upper soil was too light to hold the gold, but the lower deposit might prove a good paying field. This last digging was about three miles equi-distant from the first two places, where gold was found, showing the metal was not confined to one locality, but distributed over a large portion, if not the whole tract. The point at which we were assured we should most certainly discover gold, we did not visit; we were well pleased with the success already had, and thought it quite satisfactory for present purposes. In conclusion we have only to add, from the cursory examination made by us we are led to concur with Sir W. E. Logan in his opinion that the indications warranted a thorough exploration of the property.

W. N. Oliver } *Committee.*
W. H. Brown }

New York, Aug. 10, 1864.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

State of New York, City and County of New York. } ss.

We, G. B. Hubbell, John M. Macfarlane, W. F. Hyatt, Gustav Theisen, Theodore Mace, Joseph Esterbrook, and Hartt E. Esterbrook, do hereby certify that we desire to form a company pursuant to the provisions of an Act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes," passed Feb-

ruary 17, 1848, and of the several acts extending and amending said act. That the corporate name of said Company is to be "Black Lake Mining Company."

The objects, for which the said company is formed, are the mining for copper and other metals, reducing and selling same, and transact and do such other business as may be incidental thereto. That the amount of the Capital Stock of said company is to be Two Million Dollars.

That the term of the existence of said company is to be Fifty years.

That the number of shares of which said stock is to consist is to be Two hundred thousand Shares, of the par value of Ten Dollars each, and the number of the Trustees, who shall manage the concerns of said company for the first year is seven, and the names of such Trustees are G. B. Hubbell, John M. Macfarlane, W. F. Hyatt, Gustav Theisen, Theodore Mace, Joseph Esterbrook, and Hartt E. Esterbrook; and the said company is formed for the purpose of carrying on some part of its business out of the state of New York, namely at the Township of New Ireland, County of Megantic, Canada East, and the name of the City and County, in which the principal part of the business of the said corporation is to be transacted, are the City and County of New York.

That the said Trustees are severally citizens of the State of New York.

Signed, G. B. HUBBELL,
JOHN M. MACFARLANE,
W. F. HYATT,
GUSTAV THEISEN,
THEODORE MACE,
JOSEPH ESTERBROOK,
HARTT E. ESTERBROOK.

Dated, New York, August 29, 1864.

City and County of New-York. } ss.

On this twenty-ninth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, before me personally appeared G. B. Hubbell, John M. Theisen, Theodore Mace, Joseph Esterbrook, and Hartt E. Esterbrook, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing Certificate of incorporation and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

H. B. CHALMERS,
Notary Public for N. Y. City.

State of New-York,
City and County of New-York, } ss.

I, Henry W. Genet, clerk of said city and county, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the "Black Lake Mining Company" on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this 30th day of August, 1864.

(SEAL.)

Signed, H. W. GENET,
Clerk.

State of New-York,
Office of the Secretary of State, }

I have compared the preceding with the original duplicate of Certificate of Incorporation of the "Black Lake Mining Company" with acknowledgment thereto annexed, filed in this office on the thirty-first day of August, 1864, and hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

(SEAL.)

Witness my hand and seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the city of Albany, this 31st day of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

Signed, ERASTUS CLARK,
Deputy Secretary of State.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Black Lake Mining Co.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. THE Capital Stock of the Black Lake Mining Company is divided into two hundred thousand shares of ten dollars each.

SEC. 2. The principal office for the transaction of the business of the Company and the general direction of its affairs shall be located in the City of New York.

SEC. 3. The Certificates of stock shall be numbered and registered as they are issued; they shall exhibit the holder's name, and number of shares, and shall be signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary. Transfer of stock shall be made upon the books of the Company by the owner in person or by his Attorney. The power of Attorney may be printed on the back of the Certificates as follows, viz:

For value received assign unto

the within Certificate of

shares issued by the Black Lake Mining Company, and hereby authorize to transfer said shares on the books of the Company upon surrender of this Certificate.

Dated,

Executed in presence of,

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Corporation shall have a common Seal of such character and with such devices as the Directors may order, subject to change, agreeably to the Law, and by a decision of the Board.

SEC. 2. In the execution of all instruments other than Certificates of Stock requiring the seal of the Corporation, the affixing the same by the President, or two directors shall be sufficient, and the signature or signatures of the officer or officers affixing it shall be sufficient evidence that it was so done.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held in the City of New York on the first Monday in June of each year. Notice of the time and place of meeting, signed by the Secretary or one of the Directors being given twenty days previous to such meeting in one of the daily papers published in the City of New York, and in one of the daily papers published in the city of Quebec, and notification directed to each shareholder through the Post Office, as the residence of each may appear on the books of the Company.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors, whenever they may deem necessary; and it shall be their duty to call such meetings, whenever called upon so to do by any ten or more stockholders representing at least twenty thousand shares of the Capital stock. Notices of special meetings shall be given in the manner provided for the annual meetings in Sec. 1. of this Article; the object of the meeting to be stated in the notice.

SEC. 3. Any ten shareholders representing at least sixty thousand shares of the Capital stock, either by the holders thereof in person or by proxies, shall always be sufficient for the transaction of business.

SEC. 4. The validity of any proxy, or the authority to act under it shall, if questioned, be settled by a majority of those present at the meeting, at which the authority under it is to be exercised.

ARTICLE IV.

The regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the office of the Company on the first Wednesday of each month. Special

meetings of the Directors shall be held upon the call of any two of the Directors duly notified by the secretary.

ARTICLE V.

A Board of Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the stockholders. Any vacancy that may occur, either by removal, resignation or death, shall be filled by a vote at the regular meeting of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

At every annual meeting, and as much oftener as the Directors, or two-thirds, at least, of the stockholders by vote to that effect shall order, there shall be made a financial exhibit of the affairs of the Company, which shall be kept in its archives.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The business of this Company shall be managed by a Board of Directors of seven in number, one of whom shall be President.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board, but in case of his absence a president pro tem may be appointed by the Directors present, and four shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. The President and Board of Directors shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, Secretary, and also such other agents as shall be necessary to take charge of the operations of the Company under their directions.

Sec. 4. The President shall make, sign and execute such Orders as the legitimate business of the Company requires, or as the Board of Directors may direct or approve, and exercise a general oversight and management of all the affairs of the Company.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall take charge of the Books and Accounts of the Company, keep records of the proceedings of the Meetings of the Board and of the Meetings of the Stockholders, countersign all certificates of stock and attend to such correspondence and other business as the President or Board may direct.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all the Funds of the

Company, until the same shall be divided or appropriated by the Board of Directors. He shall keep his deposits in such Bank or other place of security as the Directors shall appoint, and his Bank account shall be kept in the name of the Company. He shall pay out monies only when drafts are made on him by the Secretary, countersigned by the President, or, in case of his absence or disability, one of the Directors.

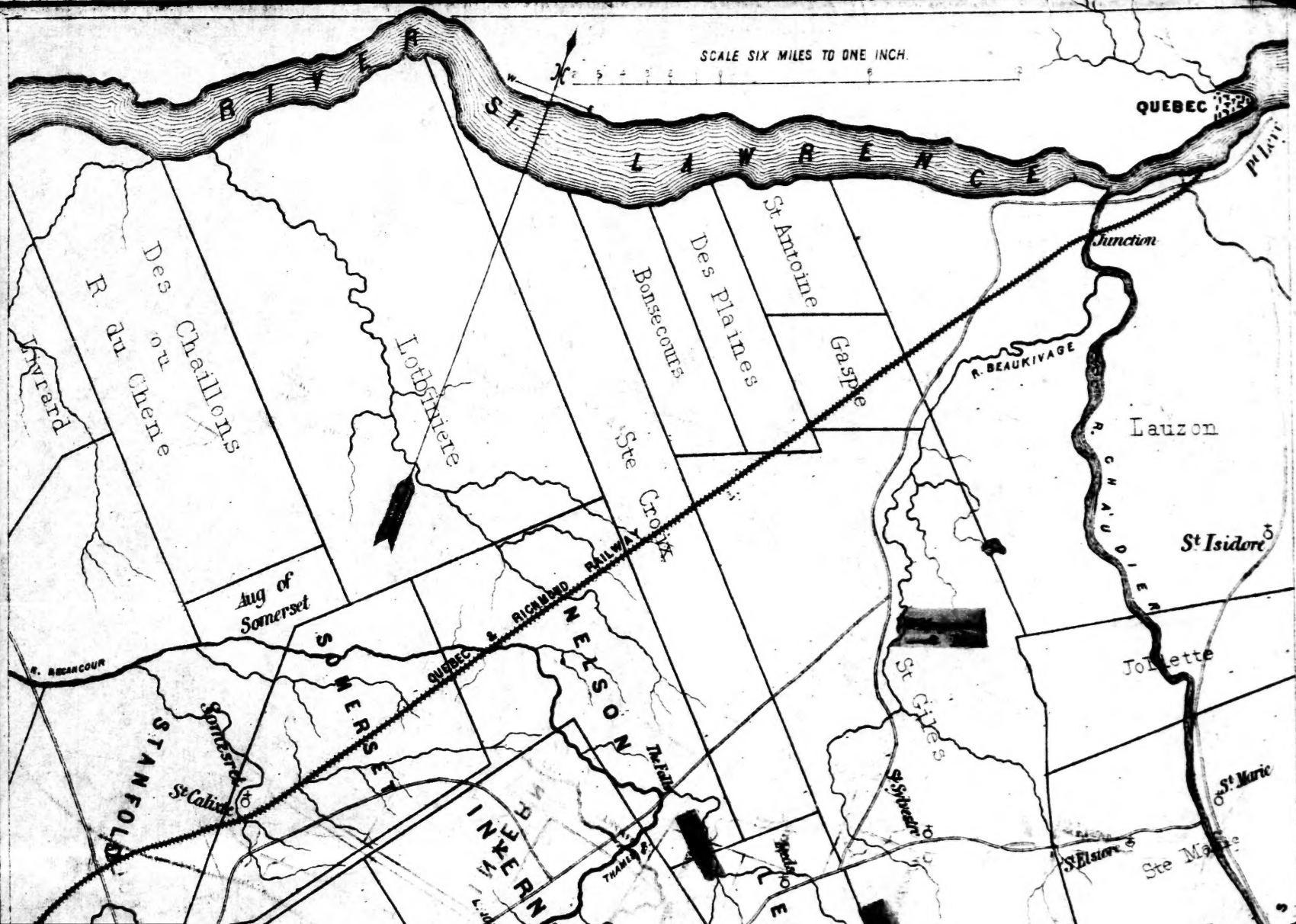
SEC. 7. The Board of Directors may, if they deem proper, require the Treasurer to give Bonds in such sums, and with such security as they may deem adequate for the faithful performance of the duties of his trust.

ARTICLE VIII.

No liability shall be incurred without money being in the Treasury of the Company to meet the payment thereof.

ARTICLE IX.

The By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the Directors by a vote of a majority thereof.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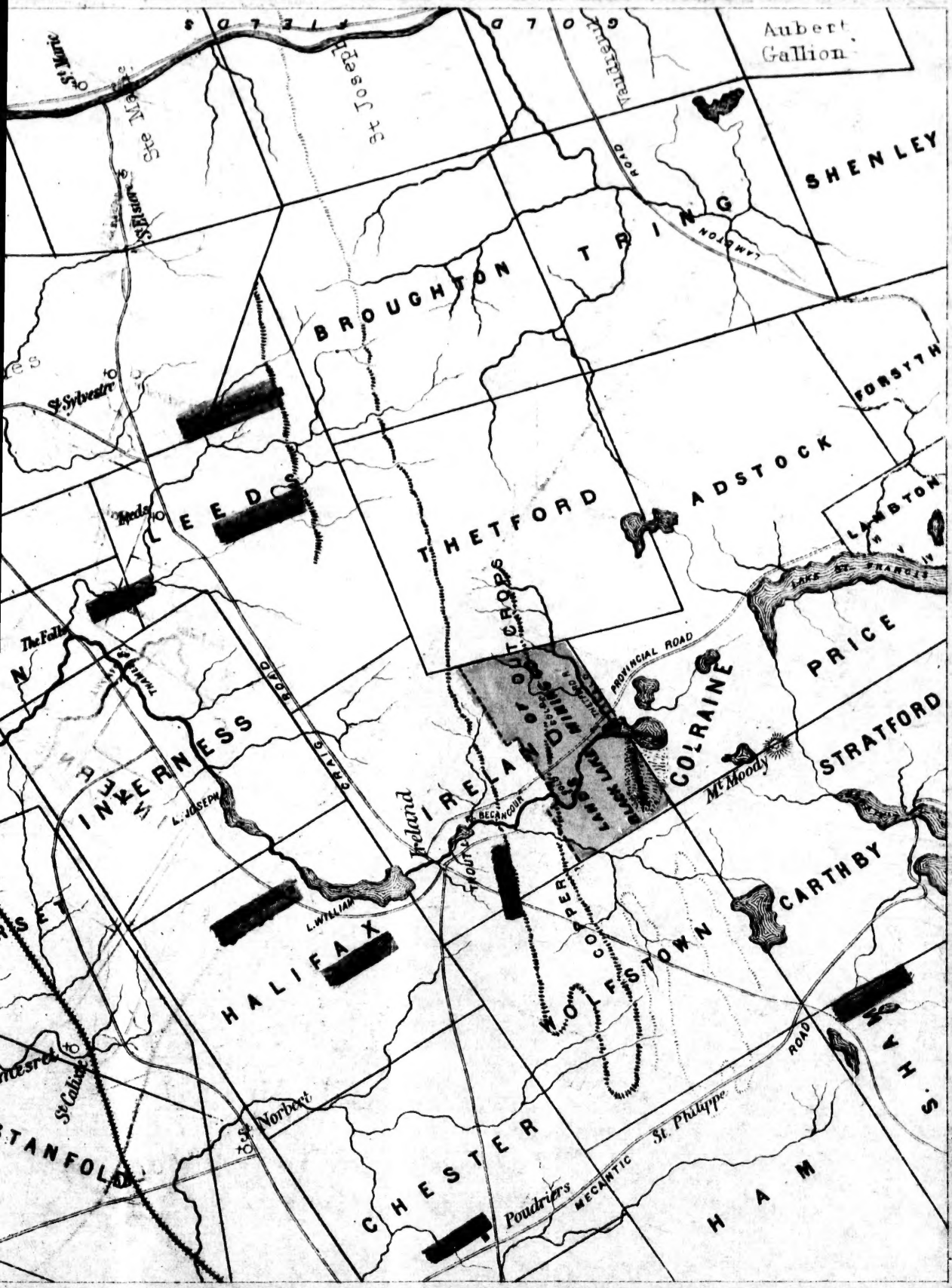
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